

### **REMARKS**

The Final Office Action dated November 18, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. The RCE, amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted for further consideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank Examiner Abdelmour for conducting an interview with the undersigned on February 23, 2004. In addition, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3 and 5 of the present application.

By this amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, and 5 have been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 1, and therefore claims 2, 3 and 5 are now allowable. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 2, 3 and 5 are pending in the present application.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together

with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107355-00045.**

Respectfully submitted,



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